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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICITON

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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action dated December 31, 2007, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

Applicant has enclosed with this amendment a Petition for Extension of Time to make this response timely.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this document.

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Please amend the application as follows: